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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	Application of:	
I. Lawrence GREENFIELD		Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/724,613		Examiner: J. Riley
Filed:	November 28, 2000	
For:	COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS AND PROTEASES	RECEIVED
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**Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Applicant now responds to the Office Action of September 3, 2003. The period for reply has been extended for three (3) months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and extension fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Please amend the application as follows: